



Sen. Dale Brandland's

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Committee Assignments

Agriculture
Health & Long Term Care
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IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, Feb. 3

3:30 pm: Senate Land Use & Planning Committee: Public hearing on **SB 5472**, which will give a property tax break for landowners whose property is devalued due to Shoreline Management Rules.

Thursday, Feb. 6

8:00 am: (*) Senate Judiciary Committee will hold public hearing on **SB 5269** and **SB 5270**, both sponsored by Sen. Brandland.

Friday, Feb. 7

8:00 am: (**) Senate Judiciary Committee will hold public hearing on **SB 5355** and **SB 5412**, both sponsored by Sen. Brandland.

Dear Friends,

I know you join me in extending my heartfelt condolences to the friends and families of the astronauts onboard the Columbia. This weekend's tragedy is a stark reminder of the possible price NASA's brave men and women pay to be the ultimate pioneers. Our thoughts and prayers are with these selfless heroes.

This week in Olympia promises to be a busy one. I have several bills that will receive public hearings in the Senate Judiciary Committee:

- ***SB 5269** – Creates a statewide mapping system for buildings owned by the state or local governments. Local law enforcement and fire fighters are “first responders” in the majority of natural disasters, criminal acts and acts of terrorism. The mapping system will allow first responders to have foreknowledge of floor plans, evacuation plans, utility plans and other key pieces of information. The plan will be funded from federal grants.
- ***SB 5270** – Creates a law enforcement mobilization policy board and plan. The purpose of the plan is to provide a process to quickly notify, assemble, and deploy law enforcement personnel and equipment to local jurisdictions that have expended all available resources. This is especially critical in rural areas or in areas hit by natural disasters or terrorist actions.
- ****SB 5355** – Eliminates “voluntary intoxication” as a consideration for mental state. The mental states of intent, knowledge and recklessness are typically involved in many criminal cases, but can be hard to prove if a defendant was “voluntary intoxicated.”

I have enjoyed meeting with many 42nd District residents who have made their way down to Olympia. If you decide to visit, please contact my office and set up a meeting. I love to hear firsthand from the citizens I represent.

Sincerely,

Dale E. Brandland, 42nd Legislative District

Did you know?

A small business owner who has no employees still must comply with 35 sets of regulations from 18 different local, state and federal agencies.

From the Small Business Administration Office

The President's economic plan will create jobs and growth for Washington State. It includes incentives for small firms to invest in new capital improvements.

If the 195,248 small businesses in Washington increase equipment purchases by only \$10,000, nearly \$2 billion would be pumped into the state's economy annually, creating jobs and expanding the tax base.